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Letter from Mary [Muir Hand] to John Muir, 1889 Sep 9.

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Phillips, Wis.
Sep. 9, 89.

Dear Brother John:

Surely there has been
a very long silence between us - In your
last letter to me - you gave our "diabolical
Stoves" such a denouncing, that - I wanted
to write immediately, and could readily have
filled several pages, but - being hindered at
that time - just see how the weeks and
months have passed - It does not seem

very easy to write to you now - I know so little of your home or your interests - and you know so little of our humble sphere - but is it not time for a change? They tell me that - Louie is not much given to letter writing - but long ago you were always the prompt one and I the one slow to respond - Let us know more of each other, I should really like to become acquainted with Louie and shall hope to have that pleasure in days to come. I look at the photographs of your little daughters very often - and

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always admire them - You were very kind to send them - I did not succeed in getting good photos of our baby last summer - or I should have sent you one in this - We have no good photo artists in this place - I made a life size watercolor of her last fall and we are well pleased with it - I should like to work one up of little Helen Lillian if I thought you would like it - They are very soft and pretty - and I feel sure I could at least get a good copy of the photograph - Willis intends starting this

week for some town in Nebraska in search of
a favorable place to locate - If not suited
he may go still further West. We have
lived long enough in Phillips. I hear
from home that your health is greatly im-
proved - from what it was the past few
years - I am glad to know that it is so -
I trust - you are all well. Our children
seem to be in the best of health - My health
has not been very good during the summer.

I shall hope to hear from you soon - With
much love to you all, I remain Affectionately, Mary